

REMARKS

Claims 12-34 are canceled, leaving claims 1-11 pending in the application. In response to the Examiner's requests for election of a species, Applicant hereby elects the species identified by the Examiner as Species I, which Applicant believes reads on claims 1-11.

The Examiner stated in the February 16, 2005 Office Action that the application contains three species, which the Examiner stated are distinguishable by being directed toward a first embodiment, second embodiment and third embodiment, respectively. The undersigned has searched the application and has not found a specifically-identified first, second and third embodiment. The undersigned did, however, note that the application was originally filed with three independent claims (and thus three claim sets), and accordingly came to the conclusion that the first, second and third embodiments referred to by the Examiner are intended to be directed toward the first, second and third claim sets. The undersigned is thus assuming that the first embodiment referred to by the Examiner is the first claim set (claims 1-11), and the Applicant is electing to pursue such first embodiment.

Respectfully submitted,

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